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EMERGENCY AWARENESS BULLETIN **(EAB – No. 1 – 2019)**

Kentucky DMS – Fatal Accident No.1

On January 14, 2019 a 56-year-old surveyor with 30 years of mining experience was fatally injured at an underground mine in the Harlan Branch.

The accident occurred while the victim was taking and recording overall mining height measurements along the No.3 entry (haul-road) when a shuttle car struck him as it was returning to the section dumping point.

Accident Scene



RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT A SIMILAR OCCURRENCE

1. Before performing work along an active haulage road, stop mobile equipment until work has been completed and communicate your position and intended movements to mobile equipment operators.
2. Never position yourself in an area or location where equipment operators cannot readily see you.
3. Train miners to use effective means of communication between themselves and equipment operators.
4. Place visible warning devices at all entrances to areas where work is to be performed, in the active travelway of mobile equipment.
5. Always wear reflective clothing to ensure high visibility when walking or working where moving equipment operates.
6. Always wear highly visible permissible personal flashing lights while located outside of the confines of an operator's compartment.